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# UFO Sighting Baffles Officials, Concerns AF

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Air Force officials have expressed bewilderment at photographs of an unidentified flying object (UFO) handed to them by a North Charleston resident, who claims to have seen the bizarre object hovering over a Dorchester Road electrical tower while tremors shook the Charleston area Friday.

The photographs, taken by William Herrmann in front of his trailer off Dorchester Road, have been "forwarded through informational channels," according to Air Force spokesman Capt. "Sky" King.

King said he met Herrmann at the Charleston Air Force Base security gate Saturday night, December 3.

The tremors which struck the area last Friday remain unexplained. Seismographic readings indicate that the ground shook, but not due to an earthquake. King discounts the possibility that they were caused by a sonic boom. "That's the strange thing," he said. "Nothing showed up on radar."

Coastal New Jersey experienced tremors similar to those hitting Charleston late Friday. "It doesn't sound like the Air Force to cause sonic booms or whatever in Charleston and hours later in the day off the Jersey coast," King said.

Herrmann claims he was sleeping when violent tremors woke him up at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning. "I ran to the window," he said. "There's an electrical tower about half-a-mile away from my trailer. There it was, hovering above it."

Herrmann said he has spotted a strange object in the sky three times since November 12. The first time was at night. The second time, November 27, he claims to have seen hat-shaped object above the same tower, and photographed it at dusk. He said the object hovered for a moment, then flew toward the fairgrounds on Dorchester Road.

"I followed it in my car," Herrmann said. "Then it just lifted up into the clouds and vanished."

The Banner has a copy of the photographs Herrmann took during this sighting. They are dark and unprintable. A hat-shaped object tilting towards the clouds, however, is clearly visible.

Radio station WQSN received three reports of a UFO in the North area Friday, according to reporter Robert Miller.

"I don't know what the tremors and noises were and I'm as concerned as everyone else," King concluded. "If there is something 'up there' I'd like to know what it is too."

## Strange noises called sonic booms

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) — Mysterious booms heard in coastal areas recently are produced by a combination of shock waves from high-speed aircraft in unusual weather conditions, two government scientists said Tuesday.

Researchers Harvey H. Hubbard and Domenic J. Maglieri made their findings known after a study at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Langley Research Center.

Hubbard, chief of the Langley center's acoustics and noise reduction division, and Maglieri, head of its noise control branch, said the cause is far less

romantic, if not exactly skyward, down-to-earth.

Under normal atmospheric conditions, said Hubbard — who has researched sonic booms for more than 20 years — "top-side" shock waves dissipate as they head

But unusual weather conditions in most of the country could reasonably force the waves back to earth, he said, creating noise sometimes heard as far as 200 to 300 miles from the point of origin.

## CR: S. Hicks 'A Flying Red Light' Chases Group Into Town

Being chased by a flying red light brought five Russell young people to the Police Department here Friday night. They stopped to report to officers that the light followed them at about hill-top height as they drove south on US 281 Highway into Russell.

The Police Department referred the matter to the sheriff's office, figuring that whatever it was—it probably happened in the county. But that department wasn't impressed. Sheriff's dispatcher Doyle Miller said at noon today that if anything was done about the flying light, officers didn't leave a message for him or make out a report.

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Moscow Aviation Institute professor Feliks Zigel had called for a "joint effort of all the scientists of the world," to determine the nature of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), according to Soviet press agency Novosti. Group of which he was a member had had 200 reports of sightings, Zigel said. Typical of these was "a luminous orange-colored crescent flying with its outward bend forward. Its surface is only a little duller than that of the moon. The horns of the crescent throw out jets, sometimes with sparks. The outer contour of the crescent is sharp and the inner contour blurred and wavy." The main task, Zigel asserted, was to organize a systematic study of the phenomena from astronomical and meteorological observatories to determine whether the objects were of protoplasmic or extraterrestrial origin. "Unfortunately, certain scientists both in . . . [U.S.S.R. and U.S.] deny the very existence of the problem instead of helping to solve it. . . . The u.f.o. phenomenon is a challenge to mankind. It is the duty of scientists to take up this challenge, to disclose the nature of the u.f.o. and to establish the scientific truth." (Kamm, NYT, 12/10/67, 70)

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